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- (a) Whenever the Commissioner determines that this subtitle has been violated, the Commissioner:
- (1) may try to resolve any issue involved in the violation informally by mediation;
- (2) with the written consent of the employee, may ask the Attorney General to bring an action in accordance with this section on behalf of the employee; and
- (3) may bring an action on behalf of an employee in the county where the violation allegedly occurred.
- (b) (1) If, in an action under subsection (a) of this section, a court finds that an employer withheld the wage of an employee in violation of this subtitle and not as a result of a bona fide dispute, the court may award the employee an amount not exceeding 3 times the wage, and reasonable counsel fees and other costs.
- (2) If wages of an employee are recovered under this section, they shall be paid to the employee without cost to the employee.

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